

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE & AMENDMENT UNDER
37 CFR §§ 1.111 & 1.115

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, a Final Rejection, dated June 19, 2003, as to which the period for response had previously been extended for three (3) months by payment of the appropriate fee, and to add to the Response and Amendment of September 17, 2003, kindly amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS: See Listing of Claims which will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

R E M A R K S

The applicants submit this Supplemental Response and Amendment to correct the omission of new Claim 12 which contains preferences that were not incorporated into generic Claim 1 by the Amendment of September 17, 2003. Support for the addition of this subject matter may be found in previously deleted Claim 4. Any inconvenience caused by this oversight is regretted.

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Accordingly, entry of the present amendment, reconsideration of all grounds of objection and rejection, withdrawal thereof, and passage of this application to issue are all hereby respectfully solicited.

It should be apparent that the undersigned attorney has made an earnest effort to place this application into condition for immediate allowance. If he can be of assistance to the Examiner in the elimination of any possibly-outstanding insignificant impediment to an immediate allowance, the Examiner is respectfully invited to call him at his below-listed number for such purpose.